

STATE NEWS

Kalamazoo—Victory of this city was upon the proposition to issue \$100,000 sewer construction bonds at a special election, Feb. 23.

Grand Rapids—Dates for the West Michigan State Fair, this year, were set for Sept. 15 to 23. Frank G. Row was elected president, succeeding L. G. Lilly. The fair goes into the new year with a deficit of \$8,523.

Flint—When O. H. Tobey was soldering the gas tank of an automobile, the tank exploded, flaming gas burst out of his eyebrows and his hair, and severely burned his face. He was hauled 10 feet, fracturing his right arm.

Lansing—The public utilities commission has begun an inquiry to learn whether freight rates on farm products are not too high. All Michigan railroads are ordered to enter an appearance February 15, to show why these rates should not be reduced.

Adrian—Resolutions calling for the repealing of the Cuyler highway act were adopted by the Lenawee board of supervisors after several members had voiced their criticism of the state law under whose provisions highway construction in this county had been undertaken.

Saginaw—Though he is only 5 years old, Jack Mason won a hero's laurels when he rescued from drowning in a cistern, Mattheus Kwapis, his 3-year-old playmate. Jack lay prone, grasped the drowning child's arm, when he came to the surface, held fast, and shouted for help.

Onaway—Fred Truax, in charge of forest reserves near Onaway, was burned seriously when he dropped a match into gasoline which had dripped from an automobile, and exploded 40 pounds of dynamite. Two automobiles and a barn were destroyed. Truax saved himself by plunging in a snow bank.

Houghton—Although resumption of mining operations by the Calumet & Hecla, Amheer, Alouez and Isle Royale mines is set for April 1, men will be taken on from time to time before that date to get the properties in shape for production. These mines have been shut down since April 1 last year.

Portland—Charles H. Maynard, 91, president of the Maynard-Allen State bank, died Jan. 30, of apoplexy. He was born in Wayne county, New York state, and came here in 1830, remaining a resident for 80 years. He owned the first grain elevator here and founded the bank in 1872 with E. M. Allen and J. B. Roe.

Grand Rapids—An United States district court jury has returned a verdict of \$2,086 against Serrell F. Powers, of Nashville, which is said to represent the alleged amount of excess wool profits made by Powers in 1918 as a dealer in fleece wool clips. The excess is reported as one and one-half cents per pound.

Flint—Upon completion of an examination of the stomach of William L. Hoffman, 48, steward for the Michigan School for the Deaf, who was found dead Jan. 17, Coroner C. D. Chappell declared that marked traces of a quick-acting poison had been found and that he would sign the death certificate naming suicide as the cause.

Grand Rapids—The city commission has designated the Trades and Labor council as a clearing house, through which local unemployed men may obtain jobs from the city. Letting of contracts for the year's public improvements will begin immediately and by March 1 is estimated work involving an expenditure of \$1,300,000 will be under way.

Corunna—Twenty days in the county jail is the sentence that Earl Mott, of Baserett, earned by not being true to his word. With two others, he was caught three weeks ago hunting rabbits with a ferret. The other two paid a fine and Mott was to return later and settle. He failed, and when he was found, Miss Stella Potter, justice, gave him 20 days for it.

Pontiac—William Nicolai, charged with keeping a place where intoxicating liquors were sold, was found guilty by a jury after two hours of deliberation. Nicolai's arrest some weeks ago led to much public interest. Officers stated they had confiscated a "little red book" in which records of sales to local citizens were recorded. The book, however, was not produced in the case nor was any reference made to it.

Muskegon—George Tarr, a bus driver on the Muskegon Heights route, which was recently put out of commission by the action of the local city commission, was arrested Tuesday in what is to be a test case of the city ordinance restricting the use of buses on the city streets. The fight will be carried as a test case to the supreme court, which will be asked to pass for the first time on the validity of an ordinance made by a city commission to restrict the use of buses on streets in cities.

Traverse City—Improper meeting is rapidly increasing the social liabilities of this country. Dr. A. S. Howley, assistant of the Traverse City state hospital stated in addressing the Rotary club here. He urged marriage at an early age, and the use of time and study of the human stock before marrying. "Every young man or young woman has the right to know the kind of stock into which he or she is marrying and what sort a life as he or she will have to lead. It is a very difficult condition and will not be remedied."

Lansing—The public utilities commission has fixed the date of hearing on the petition of Michigan State employees for a 10 percent increase in all their salaries. The hearing will be held at the Michigan state capitol building, Detroit, and will be held on Feb. 23. The petition was filed by the Michigan State Employees' Association, which has been organized for some time. The association is composed of employees of the state, and is headed by J. W. Weeks, who is its president. The association is asking for a 10 percent increase in all salaries, and is asking for a 10 percent increase in all salaries.

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London—Queen Elizabeth of Belgium is to have her own private airplane designed for her use when she wants to make hurried trips from Brussels to other nearby cities.

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Chicago—Henry Boyd, Negro, drank moonshine. Then he sat down beside a stove and went to sleep. A pint bottle of moonshine, in his hand, caught fire. The bottle exploded, Boyd, insensible from drink, burned to death.

Provide for Levelling of Forts

Berlin—A bill has been presented in the reichstag providing for the destruction of fortresses in accordance with the Versailles peace treaty, including those at Wesel, Cologne, Coblenz, Mayence and other Upper Rhine fortifications, and also the coastal fortresses at Friedrichshafen, Kiel and Heligoland.

Twins Die in Death Clasp

Baltimore, Md.—Clasped in each others' arms, Charles and Franklin Brown, 10 months old, twin sons of Mr. and Mrs. Frank D. Moran, were found by their father suffocated in their bed. The infants, during the night, had drawn their little blankets over their heads, and in their convulsions as they smothered, had grasped each others' arms.

Agreement on Oil Announced

Mexico City—Complete agreement concerning exports and production taxes has been reached between the heads of five American oil companies and the Mexican officials, according to information given to newspapers by several local oil representatives. These representatives said they had received their advices from headquarters in the United States.

Charlie Chaplin Lost \$100,000

New York—Charlie Chaplin, motion picture comedian, had a credit balance of approximately \$100,000 with the stock brokerage firm of E. W. Wagner & Co., when the concern was forced into bankruptcy on Dec. 30. This was divulged in connection with the proceedings of the protective committee which have been formed for the benefit of customers of the bankrupt concern.

Pays Rent on His Own Land

Grand Rapids—After paying his neighbor rent for 10 years on a 40-acre farm adjoining his own, and which he had been using, Mathias Weber of Sparta township has discovered he not only owns the property, but has been paying taxes on it during the decade. The situation was not revealed until the neighbor, G. F. Bates, attempted to sell the land and found he did not possess title to it.

Too Many Officers, Says Pershing

Washington—The army has too many officers of the higher grades and not enough second lieutenants, Gen. John J. Pershing, chief of staff, told the House Military Affairs Committee. Pershing said that this condition had been brought about by too rapid promotions in the lower grades. He recommended that there be a "weeding out" in the higher grades to keep the Army officer list from becoming "top heavy."

Actress Gives Home to Nuns

New York—Maude Adams, Protestant actress, has given her \$120,000 country estate at Lake Donkonoma, L. I., to the Roman Catholic sister of Our Lady of the Cenacle, Miss Adams, who has not appeared on the stage for several years, became interested in retreats conducted by the sisters for secular women, and while in this city, was accustomed to stay at the convent of St. Regis on West One Hundred and Sixtieth street.

Stillman Seeks Divorce in Paris

New York—No sooner did Mrs. Anna C. Stillman return from the Canadian woods with evidence which, she says, would refute claims of her son's illegitimacy, than New York lawyer James Stillman was on his way to Europe. It is reported that Stillman intends to get a quick divorce in Paris so he can marry Flo Leeds, mentioned prominently in the case.

Millions of Tons of Food Needed

Washington—Europe needs millions of tons of food, according to a survey of the Department of Agriculture. The survey was made by G. F. Warren and W. F. Collander, who have just returned from European countries. Germany, it is estimated, will require 2,000,000 tons of imported food before the next harvest. Czechoslovakia, Austria, Italy and France also are said to be looking to America for huge quantities.

Pastor Resigns to Hang Convicts

Des Moines, Iowa—The Rev. W. E. Robb, sheriff of Polk county, has resigned his pastorate at the Urbandale Federated church because, he said, he does not wish the church to be subjected to criticism when he hangs two murderers this spring. "I will have to hang Orrie Cross and Eugene Weeks in April and May," Robb said. "I do not feel that I should be a regular pastor when I do this as I would subject my church to too much criticism."

Won't Separate "Siamese Twins"

Chicago—Dr. Joseph J. Joseph and Ross Blaine, the "Siamese twins," by means of a recent operation, Dr. Max Thorek, chief surgeon of the American Hospital, announced after an examination of the twins by noted surgeons. "An operation of the pair might prove fatal," said Dr. Thorek. "The death of one would probably be followed by the death of the other in a few hours. The twins are 24 years old. Ross has a son, 11."

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The pope was in extreme weakness and restless. Lying with closed eyes, he murmured "Peace, peace," evidently alluding unconsciously to the great mission of the pontificate in war time.

Tragic Scene at Dawn

Other undistinguished messages fell from his lips from time to time, but his vitality had sunk so low that he spoke in the weakest of whispers. The day dawned upon a tragic scene at the Vatican. The papal court joined

Monks Recite Formula.

Cardinal Giorgi, after reading the profession of faith, gave to the pontiff the absolution in articulo mortis. As though to impress on every one within hearing the solemnity of the occasion, the words of the formula were pronounced slowly.

The heads of all the various religious orders in Rome then entered the sick-chamber. One by one they bestowed on the pope the indulgences of the various orders which each represented. Throughout the ceremony a profound silence pervaded the room, which was broken only by the low voice of each aged monk as he recited the formula for his order.

Following the ceremony the procession slowly returned to the Basilica of St. Peter. Only the domestic prelates, whose duty it is to assist the pontiff until his death, remained around the sick man.

Groups of nuns and monks belonging to nearly all of the religious orders having convents or monasteries in Rome gathered in the space extending from the great bronze doors of the Vatican to the top of the Scala Regia, praying for the pope.

Pope Benedict Prominent in Church Councils Before His Elevation to the Papal Throne.

Pope Benedict XV rose to the supreme head of the Catholic church Sept. 6, 1914, less than six months after he was elevated to the cardinalship. He was born of noble parents at Pogli, near Genoa, Italy, Nov. 21, 1854. His father was Marquis Della Chiesa.

Educated at Caproncello college and the Academy of Ecclesiastics, he was ordained to the priesthood in 1878. He was taken to Madrid, Spain, by Cardinal Rampolla, and for four years was secretary of the nunciature in Spain. In 1901 he was appointed consultant of the holy office and in 1907 Pope Pius gave him the appointment of archbishop of the see of Bologna. He was made a cardinal in May, 1914.

Pope Benedict was much affected by the horrors and sorrow of the World war and many times tried to bring about peace negotiations. Germany's violation of Belgium's neutrality filled him with great sorrow and after the sinking of the Lusitania, he telegraphed the German emperor telling his abhorrence of the deed.

Pope Benedict's first appeal for peace was issued one week after his coronation. The appeal failed to bring results, as did also his later plan for a Christmas truce. In January and in July, 1915, he again tried to bring about peace negotiations. In March, 1916, he repeated his attempts and in May of the same year suggested that America should act as conciliator between the warring nations. His note to President Wilson to this effect reached Washington when Germany and the United States were involved in a diplomatic crisis. The Vatican approved of President Wilson's peace note in 1917, but three months later the United States entered the war.

The Pope's most memorable appeal for peace was issued in his own handwriting on August 8, 1917, and asked belligerent rulers to end the struggle. During the peace conference his plans were issued in behalf of weaker nations.

Just before the conference President Wilson had a private conference with Pope Benedict at the Vatican in which many questions of a social and international nature were discussed. The settlement of the 700-year-old Irish problem was received with great pleasure by the pope, who issued a message congratulating the principals in the negotiations.

History of Pope's Illness.

By Professor Battistini, chief medical adviser of the pope and head of the group of physicians attending him. Rome, Jan. 21.—The Holy Father's illness began on Tuesday. He at first suffered only from slight inflammation of the bronchial tubes but unfortunately failed to pay sufficient attention to it with the result that the illness gradually developed into lung trouble. The inflammatory process was very rapid as that while at first only the left lung was affected, it spread to the right lung yesterday morning.

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"Well, Mary, haven't you found the fortune young man yet?" Mr. Edwards playfully asked the day of her coming.

"You know, my husband is going to be President of the United States and I hoped that I would find him in Springfield," Mary answered in a like vein.

"There's great fishing here," said Mr. Edwards. "I know the very man you are looking for. He has come up from the ranks and is now the most popular member of the legislature. He can make a stirring speech and they say he is going to be the President of the United States. He's wise and witty and straight as a string, but a rough diamond—big, awkward and homely. You're just the girl to take him in hand and give him a little polish and push him along. His name is Abraham Lincoln."

"Speed knew the Todds. When he called upon Mary she asked about Mr. Lincoln and said she would like to meet him."

"She's just the girl for you, Abe," Speed said to him that evening. "She is bright and well educated and her family has influence. She could be a great help to you."

This interested the member from Sangamon county, who was indeed eager to get along. The companionship of a refined young lady was the very thing he needed.

"Let's go over and pay our respects to her," Speed suggested. They went. Lincoln being carefully dressed in his first suit of black clothes. Miss Todd was a bright, vivacious girl of middle stature, twenty-two years old. She was fashionably dressed and carried her head proudly—a smart-looking, witty, well spoken girl, but not especially handsome. Honest Abe was deeply impressed by her talk and fine manners and general comeliness. He felt her grace and charm and spoke of it with enthusiasm. But to him and to her there seemed to be an impassable gulf between them. She changed her mind about that, however, when she heard him speak and felt the power of his personality and saw his face lighted by the candle of his spirit. It was a handsome face in those moments of high emotion. Hardship and martial poison had lined and ennobled his skin. The shadows of loneliness and sorrow were in his sculpturing. But when his eyes glowed with passion one saw not the rough work which the life of the pioneer had given him. His form lost its awkwardness; his face took on a subtle and impressive beauty. To quote his own words to the boy, Josiah Taylor, his character was speaking as well as his lips. Mary had the right to recognize his power. She felt the strength of his spirit. She agreed with her friends that here was a man of great promise. She felt the need of him.

To one who loved beauty and respected women as he did, the grace and refinement of this young lady had a singular appeal, coupled as it was with the urge of his strong, masculine nature. It was a revelation. He was like a young poet going out into the open and seeing for the first time the mysterious beauty of the mountains or "the exquisite, delicate, thin curve of the new moon in spring." He began to seek and study refinement of thought, of manner, of dress, of expression. He knew that he needed Mary, but had the feeling that she was not for him.

A woman who lived near the Edwards house had a small, ugly, peevish cat. One day, as the cat and Mary were walking along the street, they met this woman, who asked if they had seen her dog.

"I wouldn't wonder if some one down the street had got him tied to the end of a pole and is using him to swab off his windows," said Abe Lincoln with a good-natured laugh. "I'll try to find him for you."

Mary enjoyed fun and this and the malice of the young legislator added a certain zest to their friendship. Women are like children in their love of humor.

The diminutive Douglas saw in Miss Todd an asset of much value and his attentions began to be assiduous. Mary was indifferent to his lofty manner and sonorous vocabulary. Abe Lincoln liked her better for that.

She encouraged the visits of the intimate and invited his confidence. The fact filled him with a great joy. They went about together. In the Edwards parlor he modestly told her of his work and his life plan. She differed with him on certain subjects which were unfortunately fundamental. He did not love her as he had loved Ann. But her personality pleased and fascinated him. The young legislator, one evening under the spell of it he asked her to be his wife. She consented. Then he began to think it over.

It was like Lincoln in his relations with women to get the cat before the dog. The points upon which they disagreed came up for consideration. She could not think as he did on the subject of slavery and the kindred one of state rights. His manner was not like hers. They grew naturally out of one's history and character. He was kind and gentle in his way. But, mainly, his manner would have to be like the rugged limbs of the oak. The grace and refinement of the rose and the white

birch were not for him. It saddened him to conclude that he would have to be for a long time just what he was—crude, awkward, unlearned in the graces and amenities of cultivated people. He rightly judged that his crudeness would be a constant source of irritation to the proud Mary. As their acquaintance progressed, the truth of his conviction grew more apparent. This, however, did not so much concern him as her lack of sympathy with some of his deepest motives. He decided that, after all, he did not love her and that to marry her would be committing a great wrong.

Some of the happiest days of his life followed. His conscience gave him no rest. He knew not what to do. He wrote a letter to Miss Todd in which he reviewed the history of his thinking on the subject of their marriage and frankly but tenderly stated his conviction that it would imperil her happiness to marry him. Before sending it he submitted the letter to his friend Speed.

The latter read it over and looked very grave.

"What do you think of it?" Lincoln asked.

"I would never send a letter like that to a lady," Speed answered. "If you feel as you say, go and tell her so, but don't put it in a letter."

Lincoln went to see her that evening and returned to his friend in a more cheerful mood.

"Did you tell her?" Speed asked.

"Yes, I told her."

"What happened?"

"She burst out crying and I threw my arms around her and kissed her and that settled it. We are going to be married."

What an illustration of the humanity and chivalry of Honest Abe was in the proceeding!

"I'm sure you'll get along all right together," said Speed. "Your spirit is jealous of any one likely to get in its way. But she won't. She'll fall in line and do what she can to help you."

Now, a little before this time, Henry Brimstead and other creditors of Davis had gone to Chicago in the matter of the satisfaction of their judgment against him. Henry had driven a wagon across the prairies and, returning, had brought him and her mother to his home and then to Springfield. It was while they were there that Harry had come down to Chicago out of the woods in a condition of health which had alarmed his physician. The latter had put him on a steamboat and sent him East. He was bound for the mountain country in northern New York.

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and its courage and of good air had wrought a change of which the able doctor had had little hope in the beginning.

In his travels through the great forest Harry had met David Parish and Stephen Van Rensselaer, at whose homes he had spent many a happy summer day. Three years had passed since that fateful morning on the prairie. Through the winters he had lived in a comfortable hunter's camp on the shore of Lake Placid. Summer he had wandered with a guide and canoe through the lakes and rivers of the wilderness hunting and fishing and reading the law books which he had borrowed from Judge Fine of Ogdensburg. Each summer he worked down the Oswegatchie to that point for a visit with his new friends. The history of every week had been written to him and her letters had reached him in the points where he was wont to rest in his travels. The toilers had not lost their ardor. There was the love "that hopes and endures and is patient."

On a day in June, 1841, he boarded a steamboat at Ogdensburg on his way to Chicago. He arrived in the evening and found Samson at the home of him and her mother—a capacious and well-furnished house on Dearborn street. Him was then a little over twenty-five years old. A letter from John Wentworth says that she was "an exquisite bit of womanhood learned in the fine arts of speech and dress and manner."

The store had doubled in size under her management and with the help of the capital of Samson and Sarah Traylor. The epidemic had seized her toward the last of her nursing and left the marks of its scourge upon her. It had marred her beauty, but Samson writes, "the girl was still very handsome. She was kind of scared to meet Harry for fear of what he'd think of those little marks on her face, but I told her not to worry."

"You are the smartest and loveliest looking creature that I ever saw in my life," said Harry after he had held her in his arms a moment.

"But see what happened to me—look at my face," she answered.

"It is more beautiful than ever," he said. "Those marks have doubled my love for you. They are medals of honor better than this one that I wear. I want to marry you as soon as possible. I've been looking forward to that since I was sixteen."

"Then I think I'll take you and marry you before you have a chance to fight another duel."

"I don't hear anything but love and marriage," said Samson. "We've been raving down at our house to keep Josiah from running off and getting married. He's engaged already."

"Engaged? To whom?" Harry asked.

"To Annabel Brimstead. She's a little older than he is. She laughed at him and promised to marry him as soon as he was nominated for President by all his friends. She would now vote for him herself. He has become a good athlete and the best scholar in school. He has every boy and girl in the village working for him evenings and Saturdays."

"What are they doing?" Harry asked.

"Making those newfangled things they call buffers. You can build a fire in a second with 'em. They cut splinters out of soft wood, dip their ends in brimstone which Joe learned how to make—and put them in a hot oven until the brimstone is baked. Then a scratch will bring a flame. Joe puts them up in bundles and sells them to the merchants and calls them Lucifer matches. He has invented a machine that will cut and shape a thousand splinters an hour. I tell you, Annabel is in danger."

He took a tuffet out of his pocket and scratched it on the bottom of his boot. The party looked with wonder at its flame which quickly consumed the slender thread of pine in his fingers.

"I have always thought that Joe would make a whale of a man," said Harry.

"We all seem to be threatened with immediate and overwhelming happiness," Bin exclaimed.

"The only thing in the way of mine is the national debt that I have accumulated," Harry remarked.

"I know he'd think of something," said Bin ruefully. "If I wanted to abolish the noble institution of marriage I'd make him chairman of the ways and means committee."

"Harry, your credit is still good with me, and I'm prosperous," Samson began. "I want you to know that Bin's energy and skill are mostly responsible for my success. I guess we owe more to your sickness than you're aware of. If it hadn't been for that we would be plodding along at the same old pace. We would not have felt the need of speeding up. It was your misfortune that brought Bin into the store. If she wants to retire and marry you, I rather think she is entitled to do it. I don't want any more fooling around about this matter. Samson and I couldn't stand it. She's kept me awake nights talking about it. The thing has worried us plenty. We rebel and demand action before anything else happens. We feel as if we had some rights in this case."

"I concede them and second your demand," Harry answered. "Bin must name a near day. I only need a week to get some clothes and go up to Milwaukee on a little matter of business."

"I don't know whether we'll give him a week or not," said Bin playfully.

"A great many things may happen to him in a week."

Two days later Bin suggested that they should take a day's ride in the open and spend the night at the home of a friend of hers in a settlement known as Plain's End, Harry having expressed a wish to get out on the prairie in the saddle after his long term of travel on a steamboat.

"Are you sure that you can stand an all day's journey?" Bin asked.

"I could kill a bear with my hands and carry him home on my back and eat him for dinner," the young chap boasted.

"I've got enough of the wild West for me to like a man who can eat bears, if there's nothing better," said Bin.

"I didn't know but you'd be spoiled in the home of those eastern millionaires. If you're willing to take what comes, and make the best of it, I'll give you a day that you will remember. You will have to put up with a very simple hospitality, but I wouldn't wonder if you'd enjoy it."

"We will leave here day after tomorrow. Our horses will be at the door at eight o'clock in the morning. We shall take some luncheon and reach our destination late in the afternoon and return next day. It will give us a good long visit with each other and you'll know me better before we get back."

"I want to know you as well as I love you," he said. "I suppose it will be like studying law—one never gets through with it."

"I've found myself a rather abstruse subject—as has Coke, of which Abe used to talk so much with my father," she declared. "I shall be glad if it doesn't discourage you."

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

PARROT MADE MUCH TROUBLE

Abilities of Brooklyn Bird Entirely Unappreciated by the Women of the Neighborhood.

For several weeks past young women passing along Hanson place have been much annoyed by loud whistling, apparently coming from someone who wished to attract their attention. The whistling has had a most peculiar effect, depending on the temperament of the women. Some have quickened their pace and tried to get away; others have turned and surveyed the man who happened to be behind with flushed faces and angry glances. One or two have even complained to the police, while a few have lagged to find out what it was all about.

Recently a highly indignant woman complained to a policeman.

"That man behind me has been whistling to attract my attention for five minutes," she said. "I wish you would stop it."

Much to her amazement the policeman laughed unreservedly. He pointed with his hand to a window opposite the Hanson Place Baptist church and there sat the culprit, whistling and whistling away. It was a parrot with a long red tail. He had learned to whistle like a mischievous country boy, but he reserved his tricks for the women passing. For some time the flirtatious parrot has upset the equanimity of the entire neighborhood.—Brooklyn Eagle.

SOUGHT TO ENHANCE CHARMS

Roman Beauties Well Knew the Value of Time Spent at the Toilette Table.

The toilette of the Roman beauty was a vastly important affair. The maids who assisted in it were usually Greek slaves, and the length of time devoted to it may be judged from the fact that, like beauties of France so many centuries later, the Roman woman often had the poets and the philosophers of the day to divert her during its progress, a favor of which they seem to have been less appreciative than their descendants in France.

The equipment for the toilette was both elaborate and complete. Combs, mirrors of burnished bronze, bottles for perfumes and boxes for rouge and whitening preparations are all to be found in collections of Roman toilette articles, and many are the harsh words on the subject of the feminine toilette to be found in the writings of their masculine contemporaries who disapproved of charm in their women, yet seem with masculine inconsistency to have disapproved equally of women without charm.

Artistic Chinese Work.

Little jade trees growing sturdily in bowls of the rarest celadone and bearing upon their intricately curved branches, clustered closely, the cool green of the jade leaves, under delicately wrought blossoms of the translucent white jade, might be a memory of the Arabian Nights and Aladdin's lamp.

They might be, but they are not. They are the work of the Chinese artisan in semi-precious stones, and the zeal of the collector who buys with American gold the treasures of the Far East and glottantly carries them back across the Pacific for the delight of a luxury loving people.

They are expensive, but they represent not only the toil of years but the expression of the artist's soul.

Watch and Wait.

While it is true that we never know what trouble or disaster may befall us, we likewise never know what great opportunity is going to come into our lives from an unexpected quarter. If we read the lives of the men of our country who have risen from poverty and obscurity to the greatest heights of success, we find that there were certain times in their lives when great opportunities presented themselves.

That much of the success of these men was due to the fact that they were able to take advantage of such opportunities when they came.

How often have we witnessed the unhappy spectacle of some man falling to rise to the complete possibilities of opportunity as a result of thriftlessness.

Thriftless habits will undermine any character and eventually lead to ruin.

At times they even captured Polish Jews and sold them as slaves to the Tatars, who in turn passed them on to Persians.

Lovers of the Soil.

The little Russians have worked hard and fought hard, and they have emerged a fairly united and still vigorous people. The population increases more steadily than that of Great Russia, as the people are greatly attached to home and do not care to wander far from their native villages. They are great lovers of the soil and cling to it with a passionate tenacity.

The Ukraine includes old southeastern Russia, with the exception of the province known as Bessarabia, which parakes of the character of the Balkan states and is occupied with Roumanians and Bulgarians. The great support of Odessa and the surrounding country were added to it under its new alignment, after the break-up of the Russian empire.

The Ukraine does not reach much north of Kiev or east of Kharkov, but it is a large state in itself, about as large as the German empire, with some twenty-five or thirty millions of people living in it.

The largest city of the real Ukraine is Kiev, around which national life centers probably because of the deep religious associations in connection with the shrines and many holy places. It was at one time the capital of all Russia. Kharkov is the leading commercial town in it unless Odessa, on the Black sea, is considered.

There is a lure about the limitless stretches of the steppes in the Ukraine. In wide, level spaces, or in gentle undulations, they reach out until sky and horizon meet in a barely perceptible line. Parts of it remind one very much of our own western prairies. In spring and winter it is an ocean of verdure, with the varied shades of green of the growing vegetation intermingled with flowers of many hues; later, in the autumn, after the crops are harvested, it becomes a brown waste of stubble and burned-up pastures; in winter it is a white, glistening expanse of snow.

Windmills in General Use.

Windmills are exceedingly common and not the landscape on every hillside. Silvery gray they appear from age, as all are built of wood, and they are usually unpainted. Many of them seem ready to fall to pieces from age. The general use of windmills is due not so much to lack of water, for they will be found near streams, but the flatness of the country does not give enough fall to allow the use of water power. They are used to grind grain.

Kiev is the holy city of the Ukraine and hundreds of thousands of pilgrims visit it each year. The natural landscape is heightened at all times in its pictorial effect by the picturesque groups of pilgrims, staves in hand and wallets on backs, who may be seen clambering up the hills, resting under the shadow of a hill, or reverently bowing the head at the sound of a convent bell.

The pilgrims made it a point to visit the ghastly catacombs in which are rows upon rows of the skulls of reputed monks. Access is had by narrow steps, and then through labyrinthine subterranean passages one descends deeper and deeper into the bowels of the earth, winding higher and higher along a pathway. Finally there begins a series of niches, in which repose the bodies of the saintly recluses.

The pilgrims pass each holy tomb reverently kissing the shrouded hands laid out by the monks for that purpose. They do not distinguish between the holy and holier, but pay a tribute to each and impartially in order to conciliate all.

Much contagion must be spread by this insanitary method of homage. No doubt many no infection, and possibly even great pestilences, could be traced directly to this spot where the indiscriminate osculation of church relics is practiced.

Inequality.

"Don't you believe that all men are equal?"

"Not in all respects," declared Senator Borah. "I know men who can exercise more political influence by a two-minute talk over the telephone than I can yield by twenty weeks of conversation and correspondence."

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Types of Ukrainian Women.

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"Miss Smith—Belinda," sighed the young man passionately. "There's something I want to tell you—something that I—"

"What is it?" asked the girl, as she leaned back in her chair, with a bored expression on her face.

"The young man drew a long breath, and his face turned to deep purple. "It is a question which is very near to my heart," he said awkwardly. "Could you—do you think you could ever marry a man like me?"

"—Belinda," replied—quite calmly. "That is, if he wasn't too much like you."

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250 BREAK PAROLES IN 1921

Of 1,548 Convicts Paroled, 17 Per Cent Break Terms.

Lansing—Violations of parole by convicts who have been freed from state penal institutions increased from 13 per cent in 1920 to 17 per cent in 1921. Of the 1,548 convicts paroled in 1921, there were 259 violations. In 1920, with a total of 1,345 paroles granted, there were 161 violations. Of the 259 violators in 1921, 98 were returned to prison.

HOUSE CALLS CAUCUS ON BONUS

Immediate Action of Compensation Measure Looked For.

Washington—Call for a caucus Jan. 26 of Republican members of the house on the soldier bonus question was issued Monday. Immediate action on an adjusted compensation bill has been demanded by a group of members who were in the military service during the war.

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KEEPS STATE HIGH AT CAPITOL

Change Would Exchange Experience for Inexperience, Lose Years of Prestige," He Declares.

Detroit—"Michigan cannot afford to exchange experience for inexperience, influence for lack of influence, in the vitally important office of United States senator at this vitally important time," said William J. Smith, of Battle Creek, state chairman of the Townsend Senatorial Committee here today, in discussing the organization of the Townsend campaign for re-election. "This is the practical business reason, aside from any reason of friendly preference, why I am for the re-election of our senior senator, Charles E. Townsend. No man without legislative experience of similar character could in ten years attain to the influence which it is now conceded Charles E. Townsend holds in the United States senate, though the other man possessed equal capacity and ability.

Heads Important Committee.

"Senator Townsend is today the head of one of the few great committees of the Senate, the Committee on Postoffices and National Highways. Michigan has a proper pride in the part which she thus takes in the handling of great national matters. Senator Townsend also is second member on the Committee on Interstate Commerce, and is more than any other member of the senatorial body, identified with the Lakes-to-the-Sea project, which means so much to the farming and industrial centers of the Middle West.

"These positions of influence have come to Senator Townsend through time and experience in service and by the proof of his worth which his associates in the Senate have recognized.

Senator Townsend has a wide acquaintance among the officials of the government. Senators of the opposition party, as well as of his own party, hold him in high personal regard and respect his ability and integrity. No man in the Senate enjoys more largely the confidence and friendship of the President of the United States than does the senior Senator from Michigan.

Candidate of All the People.

"Senator Townsend is not the candidate of any clique, faction, class or organization. His service has been for all the people, impartially, and his candidacy broadly appeals to all independent of class.

"Those who are active in the Townsend campaign believe their efforts are more in the interest of Michigan, and of the nation, than of Senator Townsend personally and that an exchange of his experienced, capable service and influence for an untrained and inexperienced representation in the Senate would be foolish to the point of disaster.

Senator Townsend's record as a Senator, and his fine personality, which typifies decency, integrity and character, appeal strongly to the opinion of the State. It is peculiarly true of Senator Townsend that he is 'just folks.' His experience gives him a strong sympathy with the general viewpoint of our citizenship. When he was 21 years of age he was working on a farm, earning \$300 a year with which to finance his education. His position in national affairs has been won through courage and constancy and a preference for service rather than personal gain or notoriety.

Endorsed By Unselfish Citizens.

"A significant thing about the campaign for Senator Townsend's re-election is that his most enthusiastic supporters in every county are men who desire no political offices for themselves and have no favors to ask for their friends. Men of standing and character throughout the state who have no interest in politics but the interest of good government, have asked to be put to work in the Townsend campaign with the view of helping Michigan preserve the advantage which she has in the senior senator's ability and in his long service and experience.

"The Senator's campaign is being established in all confidence. No question is felt as to the outcome and there is complete willingness on the part of his supporters to analyze the declarations and meet the challenges of any opposition which may arise, no matter what its source. We feel entirely certain that the people of Michigan are not ready to surrender their prestige and influence in national affairs, gained through many years of able service, and accept a minor place in the councils of the nation."

TOWNSEND PETITIONS OUT.

Petitions for the nomination of Charles E. Townsend, of Jackson, as Republican candidate for United States Senator, to succeed himself, are being circulated in every township and ward in the state, according to a report from Detroit. Republicans in all sections are to be given the opportunity of attaching their names as soon as possible.

CONSTIPATION.

Constipation of the bowels is a stoppage of the sewerage system that removes waste matter from the body. It is as necessary that your bowels move regularly once each day to carry off this waste, as it is that the waste pipe of your home be kept open and carry off the waste from the house. If you would enjoy good health, keep your bowels regular by taking Chamberlain's Cathartic when needed.

HILTON Phone 98

I have the good fortune to have been chosen as agent for the best Oil Cook Stoves and the best ovens made. A demonstration will convince.

FLORENCE OIL COOK STOVES

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In the old McKay House, 2 Blocks North of Shoppington Inn
GRAYLING, MICHIGAN

"JUST A LOVE NEST"

Covered With Reinforced Stucco Because It is Economical, Pressing in Effect, Weather and Fire Resistant.

This little house is a regular love nest. It has that most desirable feature—individuality. It does not look as though it were built in long rows by a contractor, but that it was planned for a regular home by intelligent people. With the proper surroundings in the way of trees and shrubbery, this little home is a constant delight. The plan is so well arranged that house-keeping will not be difficult without a maid.

In planning a heating system, it will not be necessary to excavate the whole basement, the one chimney being so situated that it will care for the kitchen as well as the furnace underneath. The cellar stairway leads down from the kitchen and there is a stairway leading up from the rear bedroom to the half-story overhead, and the problem of storage is thus cared for very nicely.

The whole exterior is stucco and reinforced with triangular mesh galvanized steel which laps around the corners, making a very solid and substantial house which will never crack.

FLOOR PLAN
PLAN 8—HOUSE 8

FOR SALE—TEAM OF HORSES.
Young and sound. Inquire for particulars from Elmer W. Simpson, Grayling, Box 284. 1-26-2.

LOST—A GOLD BRACELET SET
with a moonstone at the Masquerade party last Thursday night. Kindly return to Miss Kathryn Brown at Sorenson Bros.' store.

A PAIR OF WHITE WOOL GAUNT-LETS
left in the Board of Trade rooms last Thursday are at this office. Owner may have same by paying for this advertisement.

FOUND—TUESDAY MORNING
a rosary on road over mill bridge. Owner call at Avalanche office for them.

CATTLE FOUND—FIVE HEAD,
near Ausable river. Were in starving condition. Owner may have same upon identification and payment of charges. On McMaster farm, 6 miles north of Eldorado, South Branch township, R. L. Jackson. 1-12-2.

FOR SALE CHEAP—\$5-6 OVER-
land touring car in good shape. Inquire of Carl Nelson.

FOR SALE—MODERN SIX ROOM
house, with furnace, bath, electric lights. Full basement. Inquire at Cowell's barber shop.

FOR SALE—80 ACRES: 1/2 of S. W. 1/4, section 2, Town. 25 North, Range 3 west. For information address J. J. Pasake, care of Home Gardens, R. R. 4, Muskegon, Mich., or the Avalanche, Grayling.

Truth is Mighty and Shall Prevail

The universal popularity of *Studebaker Cars* is attested by the fact that the corporation enjoyed the biggest business in its history in the year of 1921.

The sales of *Studebaker Cars* were 29% greater than in 1920, notwithstanding the fact that the total number of cars sold of all other makes (except Ford) was 40% less than in 1920. Stated otherwise, Studebaker's ratio of sales was 129 and the total of other makes 60, as compared with 1920.

The number of *Studebaker Cars* sold in the year of 1921 in both Greater New York and in the Metropolitan District exceeded the sales of any other make except Ford.

Studebaker is the world's largest producer of six-cylinder cars.

The only possible explanation of the popularity of *Studebaker Cars* lies in their quality, durability and dependable performance in users' hands. Proof that the cars stand up in service with minimum repairs is evidenced by the fact that our sales of *Repair Parts* in 1921 were 12% less than they were in 1919, notwithstanding that 118,000 new cars were sold and put in operation in 1920 and 1921. Based on the total estimated number of *Studebaker Cars* in operation in 1921, we sold \$16.00 worth of parts per car for repairs from all causes, including accidents.

The materials and workmanship in *Studebaker Cars* measure up to the highest standards known to the automobile industry. Substantially better intrinsic values cannot be obtained at any price. The theory that high prices necessarily mean fine cars is fallacious, simply because prices are not based upon intrinsic values but upon production costs of individual makers, which vary widely according to their ability and manufacturing facilities. Obviously, high costs of production, inevitably arising from incompetence or inadequate manufacturing facilities, mean not only high prices but actually inferior cars.

With \$70,000,000 of actual net assets including \$36,000,000 of plant facilities, Studebaker stands unsurpassed in ability and resources to manufacture economically and give the greatest intrinsic value possible for a given price.

The Studebaker Corporation of America
HARRY E. SIMPSON
Dealer for Crawford and Roscommon Counties
GRAYLING, MICH.

MODELS AND PRICES		
F. O. B. Factory		
LIGHT SIX 4-Pass, 119" W. B., 60 H. P.	SPECIAL SIX 4-Pass, 119" W. B., 60 H. P.	BIG SIX 7-Pass, 129" W. B., 60 H. P.
Coach..... \$ 975	Coach..... \$1200	Coach..... \$1500
Touring..... 1025	Touring..... 1250	Touring..... 1700
Runabout (2-Pass)..... 1000	Runabout (2-Pass)..... 1200	Coupe (4-Pass)..... 2000
Runabout (4-Pass)..... 1200	Runabout (4-Pass)..... 1400	Sedan..... 2500
Sedan..... 1700	Coupe (4-Pass)..... 2100	
	Runabout..... 2000	

\$10 Auto Radiator Protection for \$2

Our Improved Radiator Shield Is Operated from the Dash

Made of Waterproof Fiber Composition. Retains the Heat, Better than Metal. Doesn't Rust or Rattle

SAVES GAS, BATTERY, FREEZING


Made to Fit All Cars. Makes Starting Easy.

Send Us \$2 and Name of Car for One Complete Radiator

Town and County Agents Wanted. Reference: Dunn's and Bradburn's

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Dea Health Laboratories
 Advertise a One Dollar Package
 Yeast Vitamine Tablets

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 with a package of
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We are glad to say Lewis, your druggist, can furnish you with this and every other good deal you see advertised.

A. M. LEWIS, YOUR DRUGGIST

LOCAL NEWS

THURSDAY, JANUARY, 26 1922.

Floyd Libke spent Friday in Gaylord visiting his parents.

Herman Shields of Gaylord was in Grayling Saturday.

Fred R. Welsh is in Saginaw and other places on business this week.

Liland Smack of Bradenton spent Friday visiting his wife and children here.

Tanlac relieves rheumatism by removing the cause. A. M. Lewis, druggist.

Don't forget Mrs. Custer's dancing classes—Friday nights and Saturday mornings.

Frank Bennett returned yesterday from East Rapids where he has been visiting friends for a few days.

The Knights of Columbus and their wives are to enjoy a "500" party at their club rooms tonight with eats afterwards.

Supt. B. E. Smith has been invited to act as a judge in a debate at Alba Friday night. He will leave Friday morning for that place.

The Womans Club met at the home of Mrs. Thorwald P. Peterson Monday evening. The Goodfellowship club at the home of Mrs. Marius Hanson.

Many enjoyed the dancing party given by the W. B. A. at the Temple last night. Clark's orchestra furnished the music and lunch was served by a committee of the Review.

Rebekahs Attention—There will be a sleighing party for all Rebekahs Monday evening, Jan. 30, to Lake Margrethe. Will leave Temple at 7:00 o'clock sharp. Be there on time.

N. G. Catherine Bowen.

Don't forget the annual meeting of Crawford County Chapter American Red Cross to be held at the Board of Trade rooms tonight—Thursday. Every member of the local chapter is invited to be present.

Notice Rebekahs—At our next regular meeting, February, 6th there will be staff practice followed by a pot luck lunch. All members are urged to be present especially those of the staff.

N. G. Catherine Bowen.

You'll want to see the basket ball game tonight between Grayling Independents and West Branch All City at the School Gymnasium. The visitors have only lost one game this season that one to the Saginaw Triangles. Admission prices are reduced for tonight to 15 and 25 cents.

George A. Colten has retired from the restaurant business and with his family have moved into their home on Spruce street. Frank LaMotte has taken over his interests in the restaurant and will keep the place open day and night. This business is not new to Mr. LaMotte as he has conducted restaurants and eating houses before.

MENS FINE TAILORING

Also first-class up-to-date young mens clothes making

Styles that are real up-to-the-minute

You can feel satisfied to wear a suit made by men of big experience in the tailoring line. We also Clean, Press and Repair Your Suits and Overcoats.

Hendrickson Brothers
 Call or Phone 614 SOUTH SIDE
 A. E. HENDRICKSON

Mrs. E. J. Hanson, who has been in Detroit for several days returned home Monday.

Mrs. and Mrs. Esbern Hanson returned Tuesday from a weeks visit in Detroit.

Mrs. Marius Hanson entertained a few ladies informally at tea, Wednesday afternoon.

Harry E. Simpson is in Detroit this week attending the Auto show. He left Sunday night.

The Grayling Dowel & Tie Plug Co. resumed work Monday after being closed down for three weeks for repairs.

The W. R. C. ladies will meet at the home of Mrs. M. Brenner for their social afternoon, Friday of this week, January 27.

There is no sewing machine that equals the Singer. Come around and let me demonstrate them. Thomas Cassidy, Agent.

Mrs. Oscar Hanson and twin daughters, Margrethe and Ella are leaving this week for Miami, Florida, for their annual winter sojourn.

Mrs. Rasmus Rasmussen left yesterday afternoon for Detroit to visit her children who reside there. She expects to be gone for a few weeks.

"This Tanlac is really the first medicine I have ever taken that does what they say it will do," said J. F. Holly, Lexington, Ky. A. M. Lewis, druggist.

Approximately 30 quarts of milk per day are being used at the schools for the benefit of under weight children. One of the nice things about it is that many are buying their own milk and some are buying an equal amount for other children who can not afford to pay for it.

The ice rink has been built at the school yard is now in fine shape and hundreds of children and others are now enjoying the pleasures of skating. The place is being properly supervised during school time, and everything has been orderly and pleasant. Mr. Morrow is taking charge of the place, which is an assurance that everyone will be accorded their every privilege.

The installation ceremonies of the L. N. L. and N. L. V. S. were held last Thursday at the G. A. R. hall. Mrs. Olive M. Knapp of Saginaw getting as installing officer for both camps. The list of the officers installed appeared in a recent issue. The ceremonies of the Ladies National League took place in the afternoon and at 6 o'clock the two bodies enjoyed a banquet together. At 8:00 the installation of officers of N. L. V. S. was held.

Mrs. Harry Simpson who has charge of the milk fund for the school reports that she had on hand at the beginning of the month of January \$88 with which to buy milk for the under weight school children in Grayling. She has paid out \$48 and has only \$10 on hand to get thru this and next week. Should there be anyone who would be willing to contribute a few dollars to this worthy cause, it will be gratefully received. Send check to Mrs. Simpson.

Miss Laura Thompson, primary teacher in the local schools has asked for leave of absence owing to the illness of her mother, at Twinning, Mich. Miss Thompson expects to leave Saturday for her home. During her absence her place will be filled by Mrs. Irene Chiswick, who last summer received a Life certificate for teaching at Ypsilanti Normal, and just finished a semester of teaching at Monroe.

The Bridge club opened their season for the winter at the home of Mrs. Esbern Hanson on Saturday Jan. 14. There were 16 ladies present and every one had a fine time. Mrs. E. W. Rehlke held the highest score. On the following Saturday Mrs. A. M. Lewis opened her home to the club. The ladies spent a most enjoyable afternoon. Mrs. Holger Peterson was head lady. The meetings will be held regularly on Saturday afternoons. At the end of the season the winners will be entertained by the losers.

Emmett C. Reel of Chicago arrived in the city last week, and intends to take up his residence here. He has taken the agency for the Michigan Mutual Life Insurance company covering the territory from Gladwin to Mackinaw. He intends to purchase a home here in due time. For several years Mr. Reel has owned property in Crawford County and he says that he has always felt a live interest in this region. For several years he has been a regular subscriber to the Avalanche.

Tony Larson is serving ten days in jail for being drunk Friday night. He came to the Basket ball game that night in an intoxicated condition and was forcibly ejected. A complaint was filed Saturday morning by Supt. Smith. When questioned as to where he obtained the liquor he replied that he found a quart and a half in a can in a snowbank near the Michigan Central depot. The officers did not believe his story and there was some talk of arresting him again for contempt of court.

There was a nice attendance at the social affair given at the Michelson Memorial church last evening. An admission price of 5 cents a foot was charged, and same amount for fractional part of a foot, consequently everyone had to pay 30 cents each. The evening was spent in music, and contests of several varieties. Principal of these was an advertisement guessing contest the prizes being won by Dr. J. A. Candied and Mrs. G. E. Doty. A spelling contest was not one of the least attractions. For this T. P. Peterson and E. W. Rehlke were chosen captains and each chose 12 spellers. The sides spelled against each other. T. P.'s side was the lower all of his members being seated except Miss Ewing before a single one of Mr. Rehlke's side lost a member. After Miss Ewing was eliminated there were 6 spellers on the opposite side and Miss Giegling was the last speller of the losing side. Word Study down both groups. There were other contests and a lot of good wholesome amusement. The ladies served sandwiches, coffee and cake. It was a pleasant evening. From that to this.

Miss Anna Smith, M. O. school agent, is in Saginaw for a few days on business.

Mrs. James Hanson is ill at her home on Fairview avenue with an attack of appendicitis.

Basket ball tonight—West Branch All City vs. Grayling Independents. Prices 15 and 25 cents.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Ayotte were called to Mar. City Monday by the death of the former's father.

O. A. Hilton will leave tonight for Detroit where he will be joined by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Van Doran of Gaylord, and together they will attend the Furniture show to take place in Grand Rapids.

Mr. and Mrs. William Thompson returned to their home in Standish Tuesday after a week spent in Grayling guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Wheeler. Mrs. Thompson and Mrs. Wheeler are sisters.

Mrs. Val Klumpp of Pinconning underwent an operation at Mercy hospital Saturday morning and is getting along nicely as the result. Mrs. Klumpp was formerly Miss Anna Angers of this city. Her mother Mrs. Thomas Angers, who accompanied her to Grayling remained over the operation. Mrs. Klumpp is also a sister of Sister Mary Beatrice of Grayling Mercy hospital.

This region is having some real winter this day. A heavy snow last Saturday night accompanied by some wind made life miserable for some of the railroad men. All trains were late. South bound train due in Grayling 12:55 a. m. Sunday arrived about 16 hours later. The early morning train from the south arrived nearly 14 hours late. Trains from all directions were way off schedule time. The train crews got the lines plowed out and by Monday everything was nearly normal again. Then the temperature began to drop. Tuesday night it reached 17 below, according to the official government thermometer at the Military reservation. Last night (Wednesday) it reached 19 below, and at 6 o'clock this morning it was 6 below. The highest degree it has reached this week is 12 above 0.

Henry Joseph of Milwaukee arrived in Grayling Wednesday afternoon to spend a few days with his mother Mrs. Rosa Joseph. Mr. Joseph is vice president of the Joseph Sanitary Rug company of Milwaukee. These floor coverings are of rubber and malle in many pleasing designs, and are the invention of Mr. Joseph. He says that they are now turning out about 600 rugs a day and orders are coming in faster than they can be filled. Among the new designs of rugs is one to imitate grass rugs, and are much more durable and lasting than the genuine and are strictly sanitary. These products, says Mr. Joseph, are in great demand from hospitals as well as private homes, clubs, offices, and other places. Later they intend to open a branch sales office in Los Angeles, California of which he will take charge.

The Danish gymnasium which has been vacated for some time is being closed up—the windows boarded and doors fastened. It came to the attention of the Danish congregation recently that the building had been entered and the gymnasium equipment been literally destroyed by children who went there to play. Most all of the windows were broken by boys presumably, and others must have used a hatchet to chop tables and chairs with. The Danish congregation at a special meeting held last Thursday evening protested strongly to the building being so misused. Mr. R. Hanson holds the biggest interest in the building and the congregation felt that they must at least protect his interests. It is to be regretted that as soon as a building becomes vacant children are allowed to break the windows and otherwise destroy the property. The congregation warn anyone hereafter not to trespass on the property.

TO THE TAX PAYERS OF GRAYLING.

You poor devils that work hard and can hardly make a living have to scrape and save every cent to pay your tax. Do you know that your village council voted one thousand dollars of your good tax money to pay the band. Have they any authority to use our tax money in this way? Can they vote our tax money to pay private individuals or concerns. Don't you think it time to look into the way our tax money is thrown out? Probably an awful waste of cash and don't say, but that's not the way with me. I have to work for what I get, and if any charitable concern wants help let them come to me. I don't need any village council to donate my good cash in that line.

E. G. Shaw, A Tax Payer.

AMERICAN LEGION OFFICIALS TO VISIT GRAYLING FEB. 15.

Board of Trade and Legion Will Give Banquet in Their Honor.

Grayling is to be favored February 15 by a visit from Paul A. Martin, department commander; Lyle D. Taylor, department adjutant, and Dr. M. D. Bowerick, legion welfare officer of Michigan.

In the afternoon they will meet with the legion for the discussion of matters of interest to the ex-service men. In the evening they will be the guests of the local Legion post and the Grayling Board of Trade at a 6:00 o'clock banquet at the latter's club rooms. Arrangements are being made with the Danish Ladies Aid society to serve the banquet, which is an assurance that this feature will be of the highest order.

The seating capacity will permit of serving about 100 persons and there is no doubt but that there will be that many who wish to attend. The visitors have a number of things they wish to tell the people of Grayling, and an amount of interest is assured. Further information regarding details will be announced in the Avalanche in a later edition.

GOODFELLOWSHIP CLUB NOTES.

The regular meeting was held at the home of Mrs. E. J. Hanson, Sunday, Jan. 22, at 2:00 p. m. Callers were Misses about women. Word Study, The House Interior—Mrs. Schumann. The House Interior—Mrs. Larson. Painters of American Home Life—Mrs. Connel. Ladies—Mrs. Chiswick.

Final Clearaway of All Winter Merchandise

Inventory time is now here and we want to reduce our stock as low as possible

Great Values in Mens Suits and O'coats

1-4 Off

Every Ladies Suit, Coat, Skirt and Blouse—now

1-3 Off

1-4 Off on all Underwear, Sweaters, Knit Goods, Hosiery, Heavy Work Pants, Mackinaws, Caps and Blankets.

Splendid line of ladies House Aprons at

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Dress Goods, Percalés, Cottons and Sheetings at

Reduced Prices

RUBBERS OF ALL KINDS 10% Off

Grayling Mercantile Co.

The Quality Store

Baby Cabs for 1922

KUMFY KABS

are superior to any other make of fibre reed baby carriages on the market. It is a product that will give satisfaction to the mother and comfort to the baby.

We have two of these Pullman sleepers on the road and will be here in a few days. The prices are very reasonable.

\$24.75 and \$32.50

Be sure to look at these new Carriages before buying

Sorenson Bros.
 The Home of Dependable Furniture

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FIRE, AUTO, LIFE, HEALTH and ACCIDENT, SURETY BONDS.

Prompt Attention to All Matters.

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Yeast Vitamon Complexion Secret

Breaks Skin Eruptions, Puts on Firm Flesh, Strengthens the Nervous and Increases Energy.

If you want to quickly clear your skin of eruptions, get some Yeast Vitamon. It is a powerful skin cleanser and gives you a clear, healthy complexion. It also gives you a firm, healthy body. Yeast Vitamon is a powerful skin cleanser and gives you a clear, healthy complexion. It also gives you a firm, healthy body. Yeast Vitamon is a powerful skin cleanser and gives you a clear, healthy complexion. It also gives you a firm, healthy body.



THE UGLY BLACKHEAD UNHEALTHY SKIN THE BEAUTIFUL CLEAR VITAMON SKIN

Of What Use Are Beautiful Features If You Have An Ugly Skin? Yeast Vitamon is a powerful skin cleanser and gives you a clear, healthy complexion. It also gives you a firm, healthy body.



Are Positively Guaranteed to Put On Firm Flesh, Clear the Skin and Increase Energy When Taken With Every Meal or Money Back

if it isn't MASTIN'S it isn't VITAMON

The World's Crosses. Knockers—What is Uncle Sam's ratio? Bocker—Dollars to doughnuts.—New York Sun.

DON'T FEAR ASPIRIN IF IT IS GENUINE

Look for Name "Bayer" on Tablets, Then You Need Never Worry.

To get genuine "Bayer Tablets of Aspirin" you must look for the safety "Bayer Cross" on each package and on each tablet.

The "Bayer Cross" means true, world-famous Aspirin, prescribed by physicians for over twenty-one years, and proved safely by millions for colds, headache, rheumatism, toothache, neuritis, lumbago, neuralgia, and for pain in general. Proper and safe directions are in each unbroken "Bayer" package.—Advertisement.

REASON IN THIS ARGUMENT

Also Miss Katie Might Have Discerned Something Sounding Suspiciously Like a Compliment.

A faithful old servant in a southern family has recently become a grandmother. "What does Libby call her new baby, Mandy?" the old woman was asked.

"She named her 'Gabrielle,' miss—after you."

"Why, the idea, Mandy. You know my name is not Gabrielle. You've called me 'Miss Katie' all your life."

"Yes, miss Katie—that I does. But when it comes to naming babies after folks, it ain't what day is called it is what day is like that you names 'em for. You shurely is no' like 'Miss Gabrielle' dan you is like 'Miss Katie' jes, like Libby says."

Acceptable Advice.

"You get a great deal of gratuitous advice from your constituents, I dare say."

"Ob, yes," replied Senator Shortt.

"Ever act on any of it?"

"Occasionally. Some of the most enjoyable vacations I ever had were taken at the suggestion of constituents who thought I was overworked."

—Birmingham Age-Herald.

Plain spoken, folks, every little while, run up against a human swordfish.

Many ambitious men and women live only half a life—and don't know it

No person whose nerves are continually irritated, whose appetite and digestion are disturbed, or who doesn't sleep well has more than half his normal chance for success in life. For weakness, debility, anemia and general lack of tone are a serious handicap to anybody.

Those who drink tea or coffee are often sufferers from these conditions. Tea and coffee contain caffeine, a substance which has a decided stimulant action on the nerves and brain cells.

Each cup of strong coffee contains about as large a dose of caffeine as your doctor would ordinarily give to a very sick person.

You can readily see that the effect of giving this stimulant regularly to a well person might finally have a tendency to make him sick.

If you want to avoid a very common cause of irritation and enjoy restful sleep, good digestion, and all the feeling of vigor and robust endurance that comes to healthy, normal people, quit tea and coffee, and drink Frostom, instead. It is a rich, coffee-like cereal beverage—perfectly delicious.

Order Frostom from your grocer today. Drink this fragrant, aromatic beverage and see how much better you'll feel—why do more without becoming fatigued—than you have discovered for yourself.

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The preamble to the constitution of the American Legion has been called one of the simplest, most effective and beautiful pronouncements in the English language.

Three men wrote it in 1919. It is 1919 and it never has been, nor probably ever will be, changed.

The men were John Greenway of Arizona, Judge Davis of Oregon and Hamilton Fish, Jr., of New York.

Mr. Fish is now in congress helping to put into effect the policies set by the preamble he helped write.

He has a bill pending to increase the compensation from \$20 to \$50 for the nurses of blind, legless, armless and totally disabled ex-soldiers. He is an ardent advocate of reclamation of land through irrigation, to encourage ex-soldiers men to take up farming as a vocation.

At Harvard he was captain of the varsity football team. In France he led a company of negro soldiers in the Fifteenth New York Infantry and received the Croix de Guerre for bravery.

GETS FUNDS FOR CLUBHOUSE

Spokane (Wash.) Girl, Post Historian, Successful in Raising Cash for Comrades' Headquarters.

When the Legion post of Spokane, Wash., needed help in raising funds for a new clubhouse for the city, it turned to a girl holding the unimpaired job of first historian.

Miss Myrtle Wilson, thereupon made and wrote post history by securing pledges amounting to \$8,000 for the clubhouse.

In addition to writing history, Miss Wilson is advertising manager of the post newspaper, and was a delegate to the Legion national convention. During the war she served in the navy at the government hospital in San Diego, Cal. In a popular contest in the San Diego Legion post she was chosen queen without opposition.

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JAPAN TO KEEP FORCES THERE TO PROTECT ITS INTERESTS, SAYS FOREIGN MINISTER.

QUESTION UP AT CONFERENCE

Political Stability Must Be Established Before Count Uchida in Speech Before Diet.

Washington—Consideration of her own safety compels Japan to continue for the present her forces in the maritime provinces of Siberia, Foreign Minister Uchida declared before the diet in Tokyo, according to a text of his speech made public Sunday by the Japanese embassy.

Count Uchida declared in his speech that upon the re-establishment of political stability in Siberia, the Japanese would lose no time in withdrawing their troops. He explained that the principal object of the negotiations with the far eastern republic of Chita, apart from a discussion of questions concerning general commerce, was to obtain the assurance from the Chita government that Japanese lives and property would be protected, that there would be security of general traffic, a removal of menace to Japanese national existence and a safeguarding of industry.

The foreign minister was quoted by the embassy as continuing: "We have no territorial ambition nor any intention to secure for ourselves exclusive rights of any kind. The occupation of Saghalien Island has been caused by the unprecedented massacre at Nikolaevsk, and Japanese would certainly discontinue it upon satisfactory settlement of that incident by a responsible Russian government."

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Double Correction.

Mrs. Newrich (to small son)—James, have you whispered today without permission?

James—Only wunst.

Mrs. Newrich (to nurse)—Jane, should James have said "wunst"?

Jane—No, ma'am, he should have said "twice"—London Answers.

Thousands Have Kidney Trouble and Never Suspect It

Applicants for Insurance Often Rejected.

Judging from reports from druggists who are constantly in direct touch with the public, there is one preparation that has been very successful in overcoming these conditions. The mild and healing influence of Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root is soon realized. It stands the highest for its remarkable record of success.

An examining physician for one of the prominent Life Insurance Companies, in an interview on the subject, made the astonishing statement that one reason why so many applicants for insurance are rejected is because kidney trouble is so common to the American people, and the large majority of those whose applications are declined do not even suspect that they have the disease.

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Clear Case.

"I don't take prohibition cases," said the lawyer.

"But I'm an innocent man, I tell you. I'm charged with having liquor in my possession, but I'm the person who called up the police department and stated that I had found twenty-four quarts of Scotch buried in my backyard."

"You say you called up the police and let them carry off that Scotch when you might have concealed it in a hundred different places and defied the true owner to get possession of it?"

"Certainly."

"Well, you must be innocent. I'll engage to defend you."—Birmingham Age-Herald.

What Did They Mean?

On Christmas morning the children of the house were spreading out the toys that Santa had put in their stockings.

"Father," said Willie, "I wish I had got a dictionary in my stocking as well as these toys."

"Why? What did you want that for?"

"So that I could find out the meaning of words I heard Santa Claus say when he stepped on the tacks I spread on the carpet last night."

Attack Premature.

"Why did you strike this haberdasher's clerk?"

"Your honor," said the large, uncouth person, "he showed me a collar and said it was a 'perfect dear.'"

"Well," snorted the judge, "what did you hit him in the store for? Couldn't you wait until after closing time and catch him in an alley?"—Birmingham Age-Herald.

The medium should always be in good spirits.

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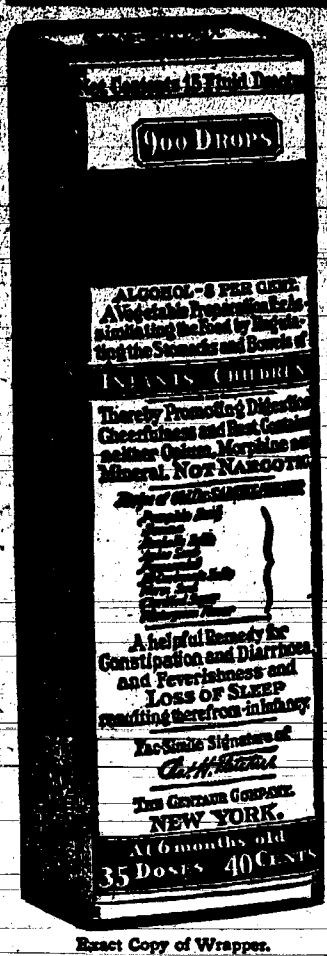
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BOTH GOOD AND BAD NEEDED

Rev. Sparrow Jones Had Ingenious Reasoning With Which to Satisfy Aunt Miranda.

Whenever Rev. Sparrow Jones called on Aunt Miranda, it was her custom to set a plate of gingerbread before him and then ply him with what she called "vigilant spoudings."

"What do you do de Lawd send epidemics onto de land?" she asked him one day.

"When folks get so bad dey must be removed, some of 'em, Sister Miranda, den de Lawd permits de coming of an epidemic," said the preacher; and he took a large bite of gingerbread.

"Oh," said Aunt Miranda, "dat's so, how some de good people gets removed along wid de bad ones?"

"De good ones is summoned to witnesses," said Rev. Sparrow Jones. "De Lawd gibs every man a fair trial."—Philadelphia Ledger.

Remembrance.
I once wrote a verse to my lady's eyebrow.
It was beautiful, a charming bit of poetic fancy. Everybody admired it.

Now, six years later, this little poem has grown enormously in value. My lady herself treasures it as a sort of memento. I suppose, because—
She has no eyebrow to speak of.
Wayside, Tulsa.

The Unpardonable Sin.
"What's this I hear about the Smythes planning a divorce? I thought they were wonderful folks—that she took up golf just to be with him; and all that sort of thing!"

"Yes, that's just the trouble; she now plays a better game than he does,"—Judge.

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Touch pimples, redness, roughness or itching, if any, with Cuticura Soap and hot water. Rinse, dry gently and dust on a little Cuticura Talcum to leave a fascinating fragrance on skin. Everywhere 25c each.—Advertisement.

WHAT THE CHILDREN WANTED

One Might Think It Was Not Altogether Miss Willet's Golden Voice That Entranced Them.

An entertainment was being given in the village school. When the program was half over the faces of the scholars shone with agreeable anticipation, for the next item was to be a vocal solo by Miss Willet, who on many occasions had delighted the school with her singing.

Finally the chairman made the announcement: "I am very sorry to say, children, that Miss Willet has contracted a cold and will be unable to sing. She is willing, however, to recite a poem instead if you wish to hear it. Do you?"

Several heads in the rear of the room became grouped as if in earnest conversation. Then they evidently elected a spokesman. "Please, sir," said the boy, "if Miss Willet don't mind, we'd rather have her get up and try to sing; and if her throat's too sore to make a noise she can make her funny faces while the pianist plays the tune."—London Tit-Bits.

Just Making Sure.
Backward and forward Johnny

hunched before the garden gate. He had a brand-new rifle and was playing at being a soldier on sentry duty.

To him came the lady from next door, her eyes cold and hard.

"Johnny, did you break my window?" she demanded sternly, pointing as she spoke to her damaged property.

Johnny paused in his stride and eyed her thoughtfully.

"Did you see me do it?" he asked cautiously.

"No, I didn't, but—"

"Then I didn't!"

And he resumed his marching.

Short sentences have a long reach.

CONDENSED CLASSICS

BLEAK HOUSE

By CHARLES DICKENS

Condensation by Wilder Dwight Quint

Dickens did not live to be an old man, as "old age" is reckoned in our time. When he died on the evening of the 19th of June, he had lived only four months beyond his 58th year. The news of his death was received with universal sadness throughout the civilized world. The London Times, in suggesting that the only fitting resting place for the remains of such a man was the Abbey, in which the most illustrious Englishmen are laid, declared:

"Statesmen, men of science, philanthropists, the acknowledged benefactors of their race, might pass away and yet not leave the void which will be caused by the death of Dickens. . . . However pre-eminent in station, ability, public services, they will not have been like our great and genial novelist, the intimate of every household. Indeed, such a position is attained not even by one man in a generation."

Dickens had no relatives that he had buried privately, without previous public announcement of time or place, and without monument or memorial. He had preferred to lie in the small graveyard under Rochester castle wall, or in the little churches of Cobham or Shoreham; but all these were found to be closed. The demand that he be placed among England's great dead in Westminster Abbey, united by all England from the dean of the abbey to the humblest citizen, finally prevailed. It was arranged that there should be only such ceremonial as would be consistent with the injunction for privacy. And on the morning of Tuesday, the 14th of June, all was carried out with the knowledge of those only who by right might assist at the funeral.

The inscription upon the stone for Charles Dickens, born February the seventh, 1812. Died June the Ninth, 1870.

Near him lies David Garrick, and facing the grave and on its left and right are monuments of Chaucer, Shakespeare and Dryden.

Dickens' last spoken words were, "Yes, on the ground," in reply to his sister-in-law, when he was stricken at the last, she having exclaimed, "Come and lie down."

Of his own life and work he once said, "I rest my claim to the remembrance of my country on my published works," as a reason why he desired so insatiable inscription over his grave.

THE celebrated case of Jarndyce and Jarndyce had droned its way through the dusty, misty chancery court in London for how many years only a few bewigged and fuzzy barristers knew before Esther Summerson, came to feel something of its deadening touch. This scarecrow of a suit had become so complicated that no man alive knew what it meant. It was once about an old Jarndyce will, but was now only a question of costs and they were eating up the original property every day. People were dragged into it whether they would or no. More than one tragically had been occasioned. I was told that Tom Jarndyce, a despairing suitor, had said one day of chancery: "It's being roasted in a slow fire; it's being stung to death by single bees; it's being drowned by drops; it's going mad by gnats." And then he went and shot himself. But chancery brought me many strange experiences, some bitter sorrows and a great happiness.

My childhood knew no mother. My earliest recollection was of a kindly woman who called herself my godmother. Once I had asked her about my real mother, and she had replied: "Your mother, Esther, is your disgrace, and you were hers." When my godmother died I was told by Kenge and Carboy, great London lawyers, that a guardian had been appointed for me; and that his name was John Jarndyce; and that he had been asked to receive into his home a ward of the chancery court, a young lady, and that I was to be her companion and was to go to Bleak House, down in Hertfordshire, to live. Then first I met my beautiful darling, Ada Clare, and her handsome distant cousin, Richard Carstone (also a ward in the terrible chancery), a gay, unstable boy whose love Ada soon returned—alas—for in the end they were married and Richard, chasing the will of the wisp of Jarndyce and Jarndyce, passed out of the world forever.

Through my guardian, a kindly, hearty gentleman nearer sixty than fifty, perhaps, I met many people of low and high degree. Of the latter were Sir Leicester Dedlock, and my Lady Dedlock, great personages in rank and fashion, with a fine town-house in London and superb country estate, Chesney Wold, off in Lincolnshire. Sir Leicester had married for love, rumor had it, a bit beneath him. But my lady showed no signs of that. She was proud, cold, haughty, they said, with beauty still not yet in its autumn. Sir Leicester, twenty years older, was a man of worthy presence, ceremonious and stately. He had supreme faith in two things: the British aristocracy and Lady Dedlock.

My lady was in Jarndyce and Jarndyce through some almost forgotten ancestor. One afternoon in her London mansion Mr. Tulkinghorn, the family lawyer, was with her in connection with the case. Mr. Tulkinghorn, I came to know, was a rusty, silent man, the butt of the legal cellars of the Dedlocks; grown rich out of aristocratic marriage settlements and aristocratic wills; an oyster of the old school whom nobody could open.

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"Why should that cry my lady? Impulsively, as she caught sight of some handwriting on a legal document, before her. 'Why do you ask?' queried the keen lawyer, struck by her animation and unusual tone. 'Anything to vary this detestable monotony,' she returned, then faltered.

With Mr. Tulkinghorn to wonder at anything was to investigate it. 'Why had my lady asked about that handwriting? Why had she fainted? Perhaps Snagsby, the law stationer, who had had these papers copied, could enlighten him. Yes, Snagsby knew. It was the work of a gloomy, poverty-stricken recluse calling himself Nemo and lodging over one villainous Krooks' rag and bottle shop. Thither they go and up into the squalid chamber. Nemo is lying on his wretched bed, his eyes staring, his body motionless. 'God save us, he is dead!' exclaimed Mr. Tulkinghorn.

I heard of the inquest through Mr. Guppy, a shrewd young law clerk who had made hopeless calf-love to me. The only witness who seemed to have known the dead man was Jo, a forlorn boy crossing-sweeper, and he knew little except 'E was good to me, 'e wos.' But Mr. Tulkinghorn docketed Jo for further use—meantime: 'I have seen the man whose handwriting attracted your attention,' he wrote Lady Dedlock. And soon after, on a visit to Chesney Wold: 'I found him—dead,' he tells my lady face to face. And whether each evermore watches and suspects the other; what each would give to know how much the other knows—all this is hidden for a time in their own hearts.

The faithful Mr. Guppy, whom I could never encourage because—well, because there was Dr. Allan Woodcourt, for one thing—gave me the news of Jo's arrest for loitering, and of the strange story he told in explanation of money found on him. They took him to Snagsby's, and this was Jo's tale: 'They're wot's left, Mr. Snagsby, out of a so'ring as was give me by a lady in a wale as said she was a servant, and as come to my crosin' one night and asked to be showed this 'ere 'ouse and the 'ouse wot him as you give the writin' to died at, and the 'berlin' ground wot he's buried in. And I done it.'

And now why did Snagsby hurry off to grim old Tulkinghorn with this old tale? And why did Mr. Tulkinghorn at once call in Bucket, a great London detective, to go and fetch Jo? And was there any dark import to the bit of melodrama in the lawyer's office where the wail was shown a yellow woman dressed as a servant? 'It's 'er, an' it ain't 'er,' he had said, gazing rapidly at the figure. 'I know the wale an' the bunnet an' the gown; but it ain't 'er and, nor yet 'er rings, nor yet 'er voice. It's 'er, an' it ain't 'er.' 'There ain't a doubt,' Bucket had whispered to Mr. Tulkinghorn, 'that it was the other one with this one's dress on.'

Meantime I had had my first glimpse of the celebrated Lady Dedlock. My guardian had taken us all down to Lincolnshire to visit a friend, and it was in the little parish church I saw her. Shall I ever forget the rapid beating at my heart occasioned by the look I met as I stood up? Shall I ever forget the manner in which those handsome, proud eyes seemed to spring out of their languor and to hold mine? And, very strangely, there was something quickened within me, associated with the lonely days at my god-

mothers. I was soon to know what this meant, and, curiously enough, through Mr. Guppy.

'My impossible suitor, it seemed, had noted a resemblance between myself and Lady Dedlock. He had learned by chance that my name was not Esther Summerson, but Esther Hawdon. Hoping to help me, straight to Lady Dedlock he went with his news. She received him haughtily, but when he informed her that he had found that his cherished Esther was Esther Hawdon, 'My God, had burst through her icy reserve.'

Life went on for a while with charming grace and pleasantness at Bleak House. Then the darkness of a terrible disease engrossed me, and when I had recovered my face was so sadly changed that I hardly knew myself. To recuperate my guardian took me down to Lincolnshire, near Chesney Wold. And there I met Lady Dedlock again.

I was resting on a bench in the beautiful wood near the great mansion one day when she came and sat down on the seat beside me. Suddenly she caught me to her breast, kissed me, fell down on her knees and cried to me: 'Oh, my child, my child! I am your unhappy and wicked mother. Oh, try to forgive me. I had thought you dead in infancy. My cruel sister told me so.' Then I felt a burst of gratitude, through all my tumult of emotion, that I was so changed that I could never disgrace her by any trace of likeness.

But at once I knew that our secret was not safe. My mother told me of the cold and crafty Tulkinghorn, already suspicious of her and ready to charge her with the truth. 'Could you not trust him?' I had asked. 'I shall never try,' she replied. 'The dark road I have trodden for so many years will end where it will. I follow it alone to the end, wherever the end be.'

Soon I knew that the merciless Tulkinghorn was hot on the scent. Journeying down to Chesney Wold, he told my mother that he knew everything and would hold her in his ghastly grip, awaiting his own time for revealing the story to Sir Leicester. Nor did the pitiless solicitor give her much time of grace. When the Dedlocks returned to their stately London house he sought my lady and declared to

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DADDY'S EVENING FAMILY LIFE

MARY GRAHAM BONNER

ORANG-UTAN

"I've forgotten" whether I was named after another Orang-Utan or after a chimpanzee, said the Orang-Utan, "but anyway my name is Toto and I was named after one of those two creatures I have mentioned."

"I'm one of the creatures myself. That is—I am an Orang-Utan and might please I am to be one. I think I will sing a song about it."

So the Orang-Utan sang in his funny little voice.

An Orang-Utan am I, And never do I sigh, For I'm happy as the day is long. This is all to my little song.

"Are you going to tell the story of your life, Toto?" asked another Orang-Utan in the zoo.

"I don't know," said Toto, "but I will tell something of the ways of the Orang-Utan family. It would be a pity if people didn't know about us and how friendly we are. It would be a great pity indeed."

"From the time an Orang-Utan is a little baby he is a dear, cunning little creature."

"When he is little he is a dear little creature, wanting to be friendly with everyone. If no one will be friendly with him he cries in a sad little voice. But an Orang-Utan baby makes friends. He is such a darling!"

"Then he usually has such beautiful brown eyes, which look so pleadingly at everyone."

"We haven't feet shaped as the chimpanzee has, and we don't dress up with so much ease as he does, because we cannot wear shoes very comfortably."

"Our toes are long and shoes don't fit us well. But we are much more friendly than he is, though he may have more brains than we have. We have brains though. Yes, plenty of brains and we're sure next to the chimpanzee as far as brains are concerned. I'm quite sure of that."

"He is more nervous than we are. And we're more affectionate."

"Even though I am such a big creature I like to be held by my keeper. I suppose I will be heavier than he is one of these days. I'm not sure."

"But I never want to grow so big that I can't be loved by my keeper. For how I do adore to be loved by him, and how I do care to play with him and show him how much I love him."

"I play with some of his friends who come to the zoo, too. And I've some good friends among them."

"My name of Orang means man, and my second name of Utan means jungle, for often I am known in the free state as the jungle man. I am called Toto by my keeper just as a boy is called by a special name."

"A boy is called Jimmie or Sam or Johnny or some such name."

"Some of us like to do tricks and others of us like to find out all we can and learn all we can, but all of us are pretty bright and pretty good at tricks."

"We have long hair and when we get to be old we do wotch a lot! Especially we Mr. Orang-Utans. The ladies don't want to weigh so much. It doesn't seem quite ladylike to them."

"When I was five I used to live in a big nest in a tree which was strong but which used to blow a bit and move a bit as we could swing. We slept on beds of lovely branches and while we slept on our backs we always had our hands and feet about a branch as we could never fall or become hurt by any such accident."

"But, oh, while sometimes I think of the free days, I am happy here in the zoo. I am proud too, because my keeper loves me so."

"I would never go back on him. No, there isn't a mean or tricky or treacherous or unkind thing about me or my family. A mean orang-utan is something I have never seen and if there ever are any about I hope I won't see them as I'd not want to feel the family was disgraced."

"No, we are true and loyal, and we never change. Ah, there comes my good keeper friend now. I shall give him my finest kiss!"

Now He Knows.
Johnny—Would you please tell me, teacher, wot logic is?

Teacher—Logic, Johnny, is the art or science of reasoning; correct inference or ratiocination. In other words, that which may convince you that things are or are not what they are.

Johnny—Gee!

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